

WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:

1. A golf ball positioning device, comprising:  
  
a hopper having an open base,  
  
a spacer insert that is located within confines of the hopper; and  
  
golf balls within the hopper , the golf balls and the spacer insert being arranged so that the golf balls stack on each other to form a truncated pyramidal shape with the spacer insert filling a void that otherwise may be filled by at least one of the golf balls.
2. A device as in claim 1, further comprising a tray accommodating the open base to close same so that upon flipping the hopper over to an upright position from an inverted position, the golf balls remain in the truncated pyramidal shape although resting on the tray.
3. A device as in claim 2, wherein the hopper and spacer insert are configured so that the golf balls remain in the truncated pyramidal shape upon the flipping even though the spacer insert is removed after the golf balls have formed their truncated pyramidal shape within the hopper and before the flipping.
4. A device as in claim 1, wherein the spacer insert is solid.
5. A device as in claim 1, wherein the spacer insert is hollow.
6. A device as in claim 5, wherein the spacer insert includes a lid hinged to a remainder of the spacer insert.

7. A device as in claim 5, wherein tees are within the hollow of the spacer insert.

8. A device as in claim 5, wherein an item pertaining to golf is within the spacer insert.

9. A method of positioning golf balls, comprising:

pouring golf balls within a hopper having an open base,

placing a spacer insert within confines of the hopper; and

arranging the golf balls and the spacer insert so that the golf balls stack on each other to form a truncated pyramidal shape having a void filled by the spacer insert that otherwise may be filled by at least one of the golf balls.

10. A method as in claim 9, further comprising accommodating the open base to close same with a tray so that upon flipping the hopper over to an upright position from an inverted position, the golf balls remain in the truncated pyramidal shape although resting on the tray.

11. A method as in claim 10, further comprising configuring the hopper and spacer insert so that the golf balls remain in the truncated pyramidal shape upon the flipping even though the spacer insert is removed after the golf balls have formed their truncated pyramidal shape within the hopper and before the flipping.

12. A method as in claim 10, further comprising opening a lid on the spacer insert to gain access to contents of the spacer insert.

13. A golf ball positioning device, comprising:

a tray having an upstanding periphery; and

a truncated pyramidal stack of golf balls stacked upright on the tray, the truncated pyramidal stack including a plurality of layers of golf balls including a base layer of golf balls and a top layer of golf balls, the base layer of golf balls fitting within the confines of the upright periphery and contacting an inner facing surface of the upstanding periphery, at least one of the layers of golf balls having a void that is free of any golf ball, the void being of a dimension such that a volume of at least one of the golf balls may be accommodated in the void.

14. A device as in claim 13, further comprising a spacer insert filling the void.

15. A device as in claim 14, wherein the layers are arranged to define a further void between the tray and at least some of the golf balls of the top layer, a further spacer insert filling the further void.

16. A device as in claim 15, wherein the spacer and the further spacer are adjacent each other.

17. A device as in claim 15, wherein the spacer and the further spacer are spaced apart.

18. A device as in claim 13, further comprising a hopper secured to the tray, the hopper and tray defining a space therebetween that is accommodated by the truncated pyramidal stack of golf balls.

19. A golf ball positioning device, comprising two units stacked one atop the other, each unit including a hopper having a shape of a truncated pyramid and a tray with an upstanding periphery to which rest the hopper, each of the units containing a plurality of golf balls stacked in layers on top of each other resting on the tray to form a truncated pyramid.

20. A device as in claim 19, wherein at least one of the layers of golf balls includes a void between neighboring ones of the golf balls and having a dimension at least that of one of the golf balls.

21. A device as in claim 20, further comprising a spacer within the void.

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